

read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

The report of the committee on Privileges and Elections, recommending that the bill originating in the Senate to establish the per diem and mileage pay of the electors of President and Vice President of the United States be adopted as a substitute for a bill for the same purpose originating in the House of Representatives; read and adopted—bill read and passed to the third reading.

A joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States to procure the establishment of certain mail routes upon which the mail shall be transported in coaches and hacks, together with the report of the Select committee, offering a substitute therefor, was read; report adopted, and joint resolution, on motion of Mr. Kinney, referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. Truit, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock A. M., November 27, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present:—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace. The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate requiring them to take into consideration the propriety of authorizing the county courts to appoint jailors, reported that the committee deemed it inexpedient to make the proposed change in the existing law, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Phillips, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill granting further time for the payment of government dues and the return of field notes, with proposed amendments, reported the same back to the Senate, without amendments, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Cooke introduced a bill, prescribing the time beyond which no grand jury shall remain in session in any county; read first time.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill to amend an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas; read first time.

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A bill to establish the per diem and mileage pay of the electors of President and Vice President of the United States; read third time and passed.

A bill to authorize clerks of county courts to take the acknowledgment of married women to deeds; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Pottis, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate the town of Castroville; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill to repeal the first section of an act supplementary to an act regulating the sale of runaway slaves, approved 27th Jan., 1844; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to applicants on certificates from the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county that have not been legally returned to the Commissioner of the General Land Office; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Cooke, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to protect the citizens of the State from oppression from foreign corporations; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Brashear, referred to the Judiciary committee.

The report from the Judiciary committee, on resolution of the Senate requiring them to take into consideration the propriety of authorizing the county courts to appoint jailors; read and adopted.

Joint resolution granting further time for the payment of government dues and the return of field notes; read and passed to the third reading.

A bill providing payment for the forage, subsistence, &c. of the company of mounted volunteers mustered into the service of this State by Col. H. L. Kinney, on the 10th day of June, 1849; read, and, on motion of Mr. Pease, referred to the committee on Finance.

Preamble and joint resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives to urge upon the Congress of the United States the payment of the volunteers called into service,

In 1849, by the Governor of this State, for the protection of the South-Western frontier; read, and, on motion of Mr. Grimes, referred to the committee on Finance.

The following communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office was received and read.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, Nov. 27, 1849.  
Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the Hon. Senate, requesting the Commissioner of the General Land Office to lay before that body "such papers and documents, in reference to certificates issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county as he may have in his possession."

I have the honor to lay before that body, in obedience to said resolution, the original report of certificates from the clerk of the Board of Land Commissioners of that county extending, as will be seen, to the 5th November, 1846. This imperfect report is all that we have in the Land Office from the county of Robertson, during that period, as a report of land certificates. By inspecting this document the Hon. Senate will perceive that some of the claims reported are without date, some without number and others have no quantity of land assigned them.

I have chosen to send the original report rather than a copy, that the Senate may more readily perceive its discrepancies, and I request that the Hon. Senate, having examined this report, will cause it to be returned as early as convenient to the General Land Office.

Since the date of this report, the county of Robertson has made its reports regularly to the quarter ending December 2d, 1847, inclusive; since which time no report has been received from that county.

I have the honor to remain,

Your Ob't Serv't,  
GEO. W. SMYTH.

On motion of Mr. Cooke, the communication and accompanying documents were referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Senate adjourned.